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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Information Security Oversight Office Director

1. Executive Order 12065, effective this date, establishes the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) under a Director to implement and monitor the security classification program. The ISOO Director is to be appointed by the Administrator of General Services subject to the approval of the President. The ISOO replaces the Inter-agency Classification Review Committee (ICRC).

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2. [redacted] Executive Secretary of the ICRC, called me this date to advise as follows:

a. Mr. Solomon, GSA Administrator, has been quoted as stating he does not wish to appoint as ISOO Director anyone who has been in the military, as "they are all classifiers, and we're supposed to be concerned with declassification." (This approach would presumably eliminate from final consideration anyone with a specific national security background. That includes all persons known to me to have been nominated for Director (e.g., [redacted]).

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b. In response to a suggestion by Dr. Rhoades, Archivist of the U.S., Mr. Solomon has named [redacted] as acting director of the ISOO. The address and telephone number for the ISOO will be the same as for [redacted]

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3. I have advised [redacted] OGC, and [redacted] ISAS, of the substance of 2b above.

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